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§1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II. An Abstract is also provided herewith at Tab 1.

**CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS IN THE
SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) AND OF REWRITTEN,
ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121
(c)(1)(i)**

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the originally filed Title with the following Title:

Gram-Positive Microorganisms with Inactivated Cysteine Protease-1

**CLEAN VERSION OF REWRITTEN, ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED CLAIMS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i)**

1. (Amended) A gram-positive microorganism having a mutation or deletion of part or all of the gene encoding cysteine protease-1 CP1, wherein said gene encodes the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, and said mutation or deletion results in the inactivation of the CP1 proteolytic activity.
4. (Amended) The gram-positive microorganism according to Claim 1 that is a member of the genus *Bacillus*.
5. (Amended) The microorganism according to Claim 4, wherein the member is selected from the group consisting of *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. lentus*, *B. brevis*, *B. stearothermophilus*, *B. alkalophilus*, *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *B. coagulans*, *B. circulans*, *B. lautus*, and *B. thuringiensis*.